

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017 6pm**

Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski, Al Pfeiffer

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors:

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6pm.

Minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and corrected. Fred Cook made a motion to approve, as corrected; Steve Malinoski seconded the motion; passed.

Organizational

Visitors/Hear and act on reports of Town Officer and Committees

- Planning Commission: surveys out (late). Few responses back so far.

Financial

- July 1st statements: good for mid-year analysis to evaluate fiscal fitness.
- Various expenses reviewed to be sure they are on budget and for awareness on expenses that may be higher than expected at this point in the year. No significant concerns issued at this time.
- Fairpoint bill for alarm system: Delsie is not clear on what this is and will need to investigate for clarification.
- Steve questioned fuel expenses for community building YTD. Delsie suggested bids be sought for upcoming heating season.
- Salt shed maintenance: slightly over budget. Steve inquired on specifically is covered. Delsie to check with Jonathan on specifics.
- Tax revenues: slight increase in receipts. Fred commented Vershire uses Paul Gillies for tax sales and may be worth us looking into in the future as he is also our Town Attorney.

Roads/Land

- Pending driveway access approvals: deferred/pending.
- Robinson Hill: Jonathan has freshened up drainage cutouts and noticed drainage eroding the asphalt at the end of Robinson Rd./Mill St. He's acquired some crushed stone from another blasting job at a \$100-125 savings per load to use here, as well as for the other end off Middlebrook Rd.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: Fred filed a formal, written complaint with Agency of Natural Resources website and also a formal, verbal complaint with them via phone. We are to wait for a response, as they are understaffed, so it may be a while until a response is given. Bergholm situation to be taken to the Sheriff's Department to be filed for ticketing.
- Local Emergency Operation Plan: Al Pfeiffer reports that is now complete and filed.
- Mill St. chickens: are considered a domestic animal and fall under the jurisdiction Dept. of Agriculture, not a Selectboard issue. Complaint must be filed with the VT state Dept. of Ag.

Old Business

- Initiating compost services: Delsie to contact Jenn on this issue for more information.
- Godfrey Rd.: Al Pfeiffer was contacted by the Baccei's regarding their neighbor wanting cut down the trees along the town right of way, on the Baccei's property; which they are opposed to. The Baccei's are amenable to trimming them, but not cutting them down. Al recommended the Baccei's to submit permit request to do requested work for trimming, though he could not find any significant issue with the trees/brush and the road. Delsie agreed that a plan must be submitted first to the Board to do any work on the road and/or right of way and a form is available on the website.

New Business

Lister computer quote: computer has been fixed, but it is outdated and a quote was obtained for a new one, plus some tech work on the Selectboard's computer. Bev made motion to authorize the lister to purchase a new computer, Steve seconded; passed.

- VT Appraisal has recommended that file purging likely to be needed soon. Also, upcoming lister training will likely be needed and corresponding expenses to follow. Delsie explained restrictions on the Lister Education fund which is limited to programs presented or sanctioned by Property Valuation and Review. Other training must come from the budget line item.
- Lighting upgrade to Lister/Selectboard office: waiting on quote for Tilden Electric.
- Creative Spirit Children's Center lease renewal due July: discussion about current lease and possible increase. Steve to research their electrical usage as suspected increase in usage may be contributing to this decision.

Other Business/Agenda Items (to be acted on at next regular meeting)

Sign Orders

- Bev made motion to sign orders; Al seconded the motion; passed.

Upcoming Events

- Compost Workshop: Thursday, June 15th, 5:30-7pm, Westshire Elementary.

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded; passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.